

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Mendez & Finer

Serial No.: 09/762,476

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby notify the Examiner of documents that may be deemed material to the examination of the above-identified application.

As the instant Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to issuance of a first Office Action on the merits, no certification under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b) is required.

Further, except for those documents accompanying the instant IDS, the other documents listed in the 1449 were submitted in a prior application (Ser. No. 09/484,830) relied upon under 35 U.S.C. §120, and thus, copies of said other documents are not required (See 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d)(1)).

Also, all of the documents are in English and therefore, no brief statement of relevance is required.

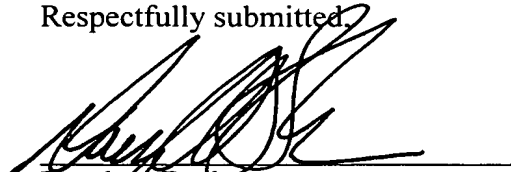
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or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the instant application.

Prompt examination on the merits is requested respectfully.

Respectfully submitted,


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